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SUBJ: NATO DECLARATION: UK TEXT

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1. DCM SAW FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN LYNDEN MAY 23

TO GIVE US VIEWS ON UK TEXT OF NATO DECLARATION AND TO

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ASK FOR DUTCH SUPPORT.

2. VAN LYNDEN INDICATED THAT THE DUTCH HAD NO SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE BRITISH TEXT BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT AN EFFORT WAS BEING MADE AT NATO TO "MARRY" THE BRITISH TEXT WITH THE PREVIOUS FRENCH-BASED DRAFT. LIKEWISE, THE DUTCH DID NOT HAVE STRONG VIEWS ON WHETHER THE TEXT SHOULD BE ISSUED AS A DECLARATION OR AS PART OF NEXT MONTH'S NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE IN NATO TO ATTACH THE TEXT AS AN ANNEX TO THE REGULAR COMMUNIQUE. THE BELGIANS HAD SUGGESTED CALLING THIS AN "ANNEXE SOLONNELLE" WHICH THE DUTCH THOUGHT WAS A LITTLE HIGHFALUTIN.

3. VAN LYNDEN SAID THE DUTCH HAD THREE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS WITH THE BRITISH TEXT:

(A) FIRST, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE PREVIOUS DRAFT, THE GON FELT STRONGLY THAT THE OPERATIVE VERB IN THE PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS (PARA 9 REF B) SHOULD BE "MUST" RATHER THAN "IS" TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE GREEK SITUATION. VAN LYNDEN ADDED THAT SINCE IT WAS ONLY THE PORTUGUESE WHO HAD OBJECTED TO THIS CHANGE IN THE EARLIER DRAFT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW REGIME IN LISBON WOULD ACCEPT THE CHANGE.

(B) SECOND, THE DUTCH ARE BOTHERED BY THE REFERENCE TO THE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR FORCES BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE (PARA 5 REF B). SINCE THE FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCE IS NOT UNDER NATO CONTROL THE DUTCH WOULD LIKE TO ELIMINATE THIS LANGUAGE FROM THE BRITISH DRAFT.

(C) IN VIEW OF THE RECENT MINI-FUROR IN THE DUTCH MEDIA REGARDING THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF NATO WITH SOUTH AFRICA (THE HAGUE 2435), THE DUTCH ARE SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO THE STATEMENT "THE ALLIES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY WITHIN THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TREATY CAN BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY EVENTS ANOTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD" (PARA 4 REF B). VAN LYNDEN THOUGHT THAT THE DUTCH CONCERN COULD BE

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ALLEVIATED BY MOVING THIS SENTENCE TO ANOTHER PART OF THE DECLARATION.

4. VAN LYNDEN DID NOT TOUCH ON THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE TEXT WOULD BE PROMULGATED NOR ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE DRAFT US-EC DECLARATION.
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